

## **IDFA Update**

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## IDFA Strategic Priority Areas



Nutrition, Health & Wellness (incl. Food Safety)

Domestic & Global Competitiveness

People

Sustainability

Technology & Innovation

#### FDA Yogurt Standard of Identity



#### **Concerns with 2021 Yogurt SOI Final Rule:**

- Conflicted with current industry practices and products that have been safely in the market for many years.
- Not aligned with consumer expectations
- Limited innovation and more efficient manufacturing processes.

## FDA Final Actions on Yogurt SOI



## **Favorably Resolved Objections**

- Safe and suitable sweeteners allowed without conditions
- Optional fortification of Vitamin D at min. 10% of the Daily Value
- Milkfat content less than 3.25% but at least 2.44%
- No titratable acidity requirement. pH of 4.6 or lower measured on the finished product within 24 hours after filling. (Now aligned with PMO.)

## FDA Final Actions on Yogurt SOI



#### **Unresolved Objection:**

- Prohibition on addition of pasteurized cream after culturing.
  - This practice would help reduce product waste, increase production efficiency.
  - IDFA is collecting evidence and planning to conduct studies to demonstrate no difference between adding before or after culturing.
    - Goal: Petition FDA to amend the SOI.

## Yogurt Parfaits



#### A precedent has been set.

- Parfaits made with Grade "A" yogurt are ubiquitous and made in:
  - Food manufacturing facilities
  - Foodservice locations
- Generally, not regulated as Grade "A", but as a new food regulated as any other food.
  - Some states do regulate as Grade "A"

#### Outcome of NCIMS



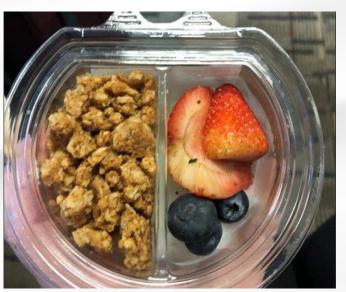
#### **Current PMO exemption:**

Food products containing less than 65% yogurt (or other milk product) and less than 2% milk protein

#### 2023 NCIMS addition to the PMO:

The product is evaluated in its final

consumable form





## Listeria monocytogenes: "Zero Tolerance" Policy



- FDA is working to update this policy
- IDFA goals:
  - Distinguish between relatively high-risk versus low-risk foods;
  - Risk-based microbiological limits for Lm in low-risk Ready-to-Eat (RTE) foods that do not support growth of the organism
    - Allow for a single sample out of multiple samples, to be positive, but must be less than a certain amount (e.g., <50 or <100 CFU/g)</li>

#### SAFEICECREAM.ORG Update















Total site visits since December 2019 = 32,042!!

## State Actions to Regulate Foods/Packaging



- Additives: California AB418 would ban Titanium Dioxide
- Contaminants: 12 states with PFAS bans
- Packaging:
  - Extended Producer Responsibility (ESR) laws: CA, CO, ME, OR

#### Nutrition Policies and Programs



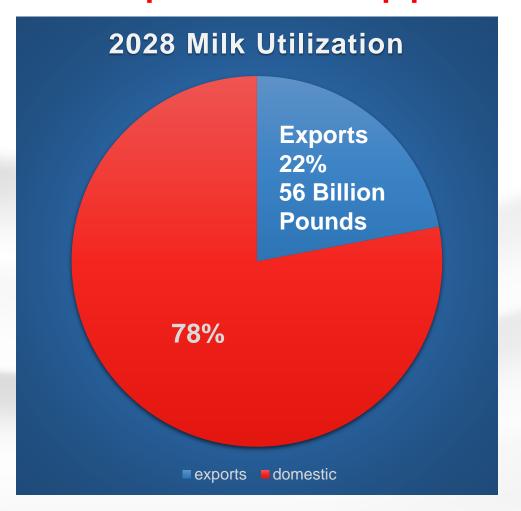


- Expand SNAP Healthy Fluid Milk Incentive Projects in Farm Bill
- Reverse harmful proposed cuts to WIC dairy benefits
- Maintain flavored milk in school meals in all grades
- Elevate science showing 13
   nutrients, better bone health, brain
   development, lower risk of T2D, etc.
- Affirm & expand dairy's position in Dietary Guidelines with research & advocacy

#### U.S. Productivity Demands Global Markets



Today: U.S. exports 18% of milk production By 2028: Must export 22% to keep pace with production



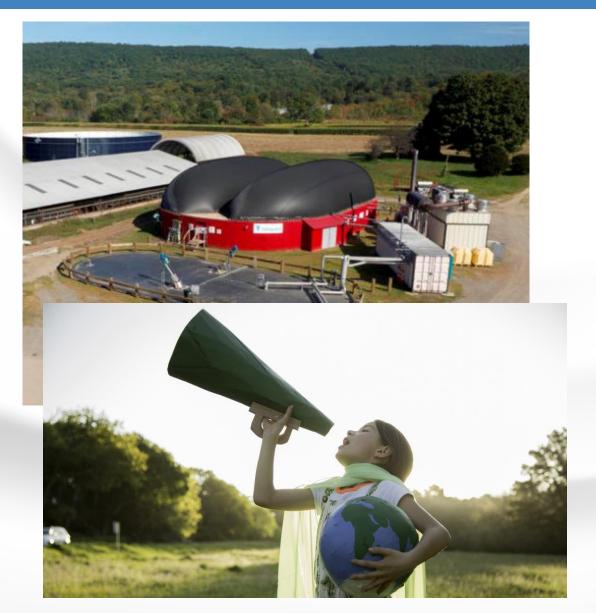
#### Domestic & Global Competitiveness



- Building awareness about evolution & growth of industry
- Building markets for all the milk
- Proposing market-based FMMO reforms
- Driving ambitious IPEF & USMCA outcomes with USTR
- Seeking expanded market access in India & Costa Rica
- Continuously promoting value & need for FTAs & TPA

#### Sustainability





- Seeking changes/clarity on global
   GHG accounting standards
- Stretching compliance for SEC
   Climate Disclosure Rule & finding
   Scope 3 safe harbor
- Preparing for SEC Social/DEI Rule
- Educating IDFA members on benefits and drawbacks of GHG reduction practices (inset, offset, co-benefits)

#### People & Workforce



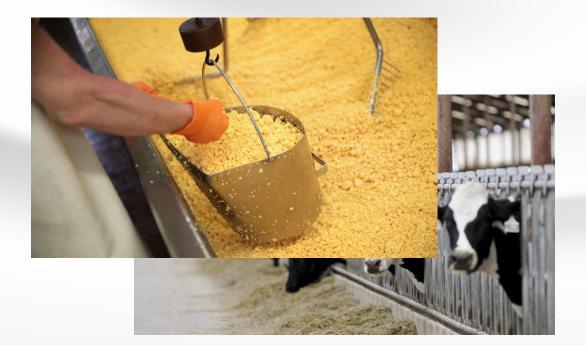












- IDFA People Strategy is a suite of 5 programs meant to attract, cultivate & retain talent in dairy
- Expanding Women in Dairy & Dairy Diversity Coalition
- Creating new recruitment & onboarding tools for members
- Launching IDFA Foundation Future Fund with MANRRS
- IDFA continues to advocate to include dairy processing jobs in any **immigration** reform bill

### Careers in Dairy – Putting People First





**GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE CAREERS** 

AND PEOPLE OF THE U.S. DAIRY INDUSTRY

- Find 6 Episodes at IDFA.org
- New Episodes on the Way!
  - Women & Diversity
  - Community Impact
  - and more!

#### **NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH!**

## CAREERS IN DAIRY VIDEO SERIES

EP. 1: TRUCKING & TRANSPORTATION









# Thank you!



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